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To amend chapters 95 and 96 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform the system of public financing for Presidential election campaigns, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

To amend chapters 95 and 96 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform the system of public financing for Presidential election campaigns, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Empower Act of 2019”.

6 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents of
7 this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

TITLE I—PRIMARY ELECTIONS

- Sec. 101. Increase in and modifications to matching payments.
- Sec. 102. Eligibility requirements for matching payments.
- Sec. 103. Repeal of expenditure limitations.
- Sec. 104. Period of availability of matching payments.
- Sec. 105. Examination and audits of matchable contributions.
- Sec. 106. Modification to limitation on contributions for Presidential primary candidates.
- Sec. 107. Use of Freedom From Influence Fund as source of payments.

TITLE II—GENERAL ELECTIONS

- Sec. 201. Modification of eligibility requirements for public financing.
- Sec. 202. Repeal of expenditure limitations and use of qualified campaign contributions.
- Sec. 203. Matching payments and other modifications to payment amounts.
- Sec. 204. Increase in limit on coordinated party expenditures.
- Sec. 205. Establishment of uniform date for release of payments.
- Sec. 206. Amounts in Presidential Election Campaign Fund.
- Sec. 207. Use of general election payments for general election legal and accounting compliance.
- Sec. 208. Use of Freedom From Influence Fund as source of payments.

TITLE III—FREEDOM FROM INFLUENCE FUND

- Sec. 301. Freedom From Influence Fund.
- Sec. 302. Assessments against fines and penalties.

TITLE IV—OTHER CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORMS

- Sec. 401. Rules relating to joint fundraising committees.
- Sec. 402. Repeal of special contribution limits for contributions to national parties for certain purposes.

TITLE V—EFFECTIVE DATE

- Sec. 501. Effective date.

1 TITLE I—PRIMARY ELECTIONS**2 SEC. 101. INCREASE IN AND MODIFICATIONS TO MATCHING****3 PAYMENTS.****4 (a) INCREASE AND MODIFICATION.—**

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—The first sentence of section
6 9034(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is
7 amended—

8 (A) by striking “an amount equal to the
9 amount of each contribution” and inserting “an

1 amount equal to 600 percent of the amount of
2 each matchable contribution (disregarding any
3 amount of contributions from any person to the
4 extent that the total of the amounts contributed
5 by such person for the election exceeds \$200)”;
6 and

7 (B) by striking “authorized committees”
8 and all that follows through “\$250” and insert-
9 ing “authorized committees”.

10 (2) MATCHABLE CONTRIBUTIONS.—Section
11 9034 of such Code is amended—

12 (A) by striking the last sentence of sub-
13 section (a); and

14 (B) by adding at the end the following new
15 subsection:

16 “(c) MATCHABLE CONTRIBUTION DEFINED.—For
17 purposes of this section and section 9033(b)—

18 “(1) MATCHABLE CONTRIBUTION.—The term
19 ‘matchable contribution’ means, with respect to the
20 nomination for election to the office of President of
21 the United States, a contribution by an individual to
22 a candidate or an authorized committee of a can-
23 didate with respect to which the candidate has cer-
24 tified in writing that—

1 “(A) the individual making such contribu-
2 tion has not made aggregate contributions (in-
3 cluding such matchable contribution) to such
4 candidate and the authorized committees of
5 such candidate in excess of \$1,000 for the elec-
6 tion;

7 “(B) such candidate and the authorized
8 committees of such candidate will not accept
9 contributions from such individual (including
10 such matchable contribution) aggregating more
11 than the amount described in subparagraph
12 (A); and

13 “(C) such contribution was a direct con-
14 tribution.

15 “(2) CONTRIBUTION.—For purposes of this
16 subsection, the term ‘contribution’ means a gift of
17 money made by a written instrument which identi-
18 fies the individual making the contribution by full
19 name and mailing address, but does not include a
20 subscription, loan, advance, or deposit of money, or
21 anything of value or anything described in subpara-
22 graph (B), (C), or (D) of section 9032(4).

23 “(3) DIRECT CONTRIBUTION.—

24 “(A) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of this
25 subsection, the term ‘direct contribution’

1 means, with respect to a candidate, a contribu-
2 tion which is made directly by an individual to
3 the candidate or an authorized committee of the
4 candidate and is not—

5 “(i) forwarded from the individual
6 making the contribution to the candidate
7 or committee by another person; or

8 “(ii) received by the candidate or com-
9 mittee with the knowledge that the con-
10 tribution was made at the request, sugges-
11 tion, or recommendation of another person.

12 “(B) OTHER DEFINITIONS.—In subpara-
13 graph (A)—

14 “(i) the term ‘person’ does not include
15 an individual (other than an individual de-
16 scribed in section 304(i)(7) of the Federal
17 Election Campaign Act of 1971), a polit-
18 ical committee of a political party, or any
19 political committee which is not a separate
20 segregated fund described in section
21 316(b) of the Federal Election Campaign
22 Act of 1971 and which does not make con-
23 tributions or independent expenditures,
24 does not engage in lobbying activity under
25 the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (2

1 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.), and is not estab-
2 lished by, controlled by, or affiliated with
3 a registered lobbyist under such Act, an
4 agent of a registered lobbyist under such
5 Act, or an organization which retains or
6 employs a registered lobbyist under such
7 Act; and

8 “(ii) a contribution is not ‘made at
9 the request, suggestion, or recommendation
10 of another person’ solely on the grounds
11 that the contribution is made in response
12 to information provided to the individual
13 making the contribution by any person, so
14 long as the candidate or authorized com-
15 mittee does not know the identity of the
16 person who provided the information to
17 such individual.”.

18 (3) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

19 (A) Section 9032(4) of such Code is
20 amended by striking “section 9034(a)” and in-
21 serting “section 9034”.

22 (B) Section 9033(b)(3) of such Code is
23 amended by striking “matching contributions”
24 and inserting “matchable contributions”.

1 (b) MODIFICATION OF PAYMENT LIMITATION.—Sec-
2 tion 9034(b) of such Code is amended—

3 (1) by striking “The total” and inserting the
4 following:

5 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The total”;

6 (2) by striking “shall not exceed” and all that
7 follows and inserting “shall not exceed
8 \$250,000,000.”; and

9 (3) by adding at the end the following new
10 paragraph:

11 “(2) INFLATION ADJUSTMENT.—

12 “(A) IN GENERAL.—In the case of any ap-
13 plicable period beginning after 2029, the dollar
14 amount in paragraph (1) shall be increased by
15 an amount equal to—

16 “(i) such dollar amount, multiplied by

17 “(ii) the cost-of-living adjustment de-
18 termined under section 1(f)(3) for the cal-
19 endar year following the year which such
20 applicable period begins, determined by
21 substituting ‘calendar year 2028’ for ‘cal-
22 endar year 1992’ in subparagraph (B)
23 thereof.

24 “(B) APPLICABLE PERIOD.—For purposes
25 of this paragraph, the term ‘applicable period’

1 means the 4-year period beginning with the
2 first day following the date of the general elec-
3 tion for the office of President and ending on
4 the date of the next such general election.

5 “(C) ROUNDING.—If any amount as ad-
6 justed under subparagraph (1) is not a multiple
7 of \$10,000, such amount shall be rounded to
8 the nearest multiple of \$10,000.”.

9 **SEC. 102. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR MATCHING**
10 **PAYMENTS.**

11 (a) AMOUNT OF AGGREGATE CONTRIBUTIONS PER
12 STATE; DISREGARDING OF AMOUNTS CONTRIBUTED IN
13 EXCESS OF \$200.—Section 9033(b)(3) of the Internal
14 Revenue Code of 1986 is amended—

15 (1) by striking “\$5,000” and inserting
16 “\$25,000”; and

17 (2) by striking “20 States” and inserting the
18 following: “20 States (disregarding any amount of
19 contributions from any such resident to the extent
20 that the total of the amounts contributed by such
21 resident for the election exceeds \$200)”.

22 (b) CONTRIBUTION LIMIT.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (4) of section
24 9033(b) of such Code is amended to read as follows:

1 “(4) the candidate and the authorized commit-
2 tees of the candidate will not accept aggregate con-
3 tributions from any person with respect to the nomi-
4 nation for election to the office of President of the
5 United States in excess of \$1,000 for the election.”.

6 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

7 (A) Section 9033(b) of such Code is
8 amended by adding at the end the following
9 new flush sentence:
10 “For purposes of paragraph (4), the term ‘contribution’
11 has the meaning given such term in section 301(8) of the
12 Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971.”.

13 (B) Section 9032(4) of such Code, as
14 amended by section 101(a)(3)(A), is amended
15 by inserting “or 9033(b)” after “9034”.

16 (c) PARTICIPATION IN SYSTEM FOR PAYMENTS FOR
17 GENERAL ELECTION.—Section 9033(b) of such Code is
18 amended—

19 (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph
20 (3);

21 (2) by striking the period at the end of para-
22 graph (4) and inserting “, and”; and

23 (3) by inserting after paragraph (4) the fol-
24 lowing new paragraph:

1 “(5) if the candidate is nominated by a political
2 party for election to the office of President, the can-
3 didate will apply for and accept payments with re-
4 spect to the general election for such office in ac-
5 cordance with chapter 95.”.

6 (d) PROHIBITION ON JOINT FUNDRAISING COMMIT-
7 TEES.—Section 9033(b) of such Code, as amended by sub-
8 section (c), is amended—

9 (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph
10 (4);

11 (2) by striking the period at the end of para-
12 graph (5) and inserting “; and”; and

13 (3) by inserting after paragraph (5) adding at
14 the end the following new paragraph:

15 “(6) the candidate will not establish a joint
16 fundraising committee with a political committee
17 other than another authorized committee of the can-
18 didate, except that if the candidate established a
19 joint fundraising committee with respect to a prior
20 election for which the candidate was not eligible to
21 receive payments under section 9037 and the can-
22 didate does not terminate the committee, the can-
23 didate shall not be considered to be in violation of
24 this paragraph so long as that joint fundraising
25 committee does not receive any contributions or

1 make any disbursements during the election cycle for
2 which the candidate is eligible to receive payments
3 under such section.”.

4 **SEC. 103. REPEAL OF EXPENDITURE LIMITATIONS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a) of section 9035 of
6 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended to read
7 as follows:

8 “(a) PERSONAL EXPENDITURE LIMITATION.—No
9 candidate shall knowingly make expenditures from his per-
10 sonal funds, or the personal funds of his immediate family,
11 in connection with his campaign for nomination for elec-
12 tion to the office of President in excess of, in the aggre-
13 gate, \$50,000.”.

14 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Paragraph (1) of
15 section 9033(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is
16 amended to read as follows:

17 “(1) the candidate will comply with the per-
18 sonal expenditure limitation under section 9035,”.

19 **SEC. 104. PERIOD OF AVAILABILITY OF MATCHING PAY-**
20 **MENTS.**

21 Section 9032(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of
22 1986 is amended by striking “the beginning of the cal-
23 endar year in which a general election for the office of
24 President of the United States will be held” and inserting

1 “the date that is 6 months prior to the date of the earliest
2 State primary election”.

3 **SEC. 105. EXAMINATION AND AUDITS OF MATCHABLE CON-**
4 **TRIBUTIONS.**

5 Section 9038(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of
6 1986 is amended by inserting “and matchable contribu-
7 tions accepted by” after “qualified campaign expenses of”.

8 **SEC. 106. MODIFICATION TO LIMITATION ON CONTRIBU-**
9 **TIONS FOR PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY CAN-**
10 **DIDATES.**

11 Section 315(a)(6) of the Federal Election Campaign
12 Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C. 30116(a)(6)) is amended by strik-
13 ing “calendar year” and inserting “four-year election
14 cycle”.

15 **SEC. 107. USE OF FREEDOM FROM INFLUENCE FUND AS**
16 **SOURCE OF PAYMENTS.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 96 of subtitle H of the
18 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at
19 the end the following new section:

20 **“SEC. 9043. USE OF FREEDOM FROM INFLUENCE FUND AS**
21 **SOURCE OF PAYMENTS.**

22 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other pro-
23 vision of this chapter, effective with respect to the Presi-
24 dential election held in 2028 and each succeeding Presi-
25 dential election, all payments made to candidates under

1 this chapter shall be made from the Freedom From Influen-
2 ce Fund established under section title III of the Em-
3 power Act of 2019 (hereafter in this section referred to
4 as the ‘Fund’).

5 “(b) MANDATORY REDUCTION OF PAYMENTS IN
6 CASE OF INSUFFICIENT AMOUNTS IN FUND.—

7 “(1) ADVANCE AUDITS BY COMMISSION.—Not
8 later than 90 days before the first day of each Presi-
9 dential election cycle (beginning with the cycle for
10 the election held in 2028), the Commission shall—

11 “(A) audit the Fund to determine whether
12 the amounts in the Fund will be sufficient to
13 make payments to candidates under this chap-
14 ter in the amounts provided under this chapter
15 during such election cycle; and

16 “(B) submit a report to Congress describ-
17 ing the results of the audit.

18 “(2) REDUCTIONS IN AMOUNT OF PAYMENTS.—

19 “(A) AUTOMATIC REDUCTION ON PRO
20 RATA BASIS.—If, on the basis of the audit de-
21 scribed in paragraph (1), the Commission deter-
22 mines that the amount anticipated to be avail-
23 able in the Fund with respect to the Presi-
24 dential election cycle involved is not, or may not
25 be, sufficient to satisfy the full entitlements of

1 candidates to payments under this chapter for
2 such cycle, the Commission shall reduce each
3 amount which would otherwise be paid to a can-
4 didate under this chapter by such pro rata
5 amount as may be necessary to ensure that the
6 aggregate amount of payments anticipated to
7 be made with respect to the cycle will not ex-
8 ceed the amount anticipated to be available for
9 such payments in the Fund with respect to such
10 cycle.

11 “(B) RESTORATION OF REDUCTIONS IN
12 CASE OF AVAILABILITY OF SUFFICIENT FUNDS
13 DURING ELECTION CYCLE.—If, after reducing
14 the amounts paid to candidates with respect to
15 an election cycle under subparagraph (A), the
16 Commission determines that there are sufficient
17 amounts in the Fund to restore the amount by
18 which such payments were reduced (or any por-
19 tion thereof), to the extent that such amounts
20 are available, the Commission may make a pay-
21 ment on a pro rata basis to each such candidate
22 with respect to the election cycle in the amount
23 by which such candidate’s payments were re-
24 duced under subparagraph (A) (or any portion
25 thereof, as the case may be).

1 “(C) NO USE OF AMOUNTS FROM OTHER
2 SOURCES.—In any case in which the Commis-
3 sion determines that there are insufficient mon-
4 eys in the Fund to make payments to can-
5 didates under this chapter, moneys shall not be
6 made available from any other source for the
7 purpose of making such payments.

8 “(3) NO EFFECT ON AMOUNTS TRANSFERRED
9 FOR PEDIATRIC RESEARCH INITIATIVE.—This sec-
10 tion does not apply to the transfer of funds under
11 section 9008(i).

12 “(4) PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION CYCLE DE-
13 FINED.—In this section, the term ‘Presidential elec-
14 tion cycle’ means, with respect to a Presidential elec-
15 tion, the period beginning on the day after the date
16 of the previous Presidential general election and
17 ending on the date of the Presidential election.”.

18 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
19 for chapter 96 of subtitle H of such Code is amended by
20 adding at the end the following new item:

“Sec. 9043. Use of Freedom From Influence Fund as source of payments.”.

21 **TITLE II—GENERAL ELECTIONS**

22 **SEC. 201. MODIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS** 23 **FOR PUBLIC FINANCING.**

24 Subsection (a) of section 9003 of the Internal Rev-
25 enue Code of 1986 is amended to read as follows:

1 “(a) IN GENERAL.—In order to be eligible to receive
2 any payments under section 9006, the candidates of a po-
3 litical party in a Presidential election shall meet the fol-
4 lowing requirements:

5 “(1) PARTICIPATION IN PRIMARY PAYMENT
6 SYSTEM.—The candidate for President received pay-
7 ments under chapter 96 for the campaign for nomi-
8 nation for election to be President.

9 “(2) AGREEMENTS WITH COMMISSION.—The
10 candidates, in writing—

11 “(A) agree to obtain and furnish to the
12 Commission such evidence as it may request of
13 the qualified campaign expenses of such can-
14 didates,

15 “(B) agree to keep and furnish to the
16 Commission such records, books, and other in-
17 formation as it may request, and

18 “(C) agree to an audit and examination by
19 the Commission under section 9007 and to pay
20 any amounts required to be paid under such
21 section.

22 “(3) PROHIBITION ON JOINT FUNDRAISING
23 COMMITTEES.—

24 “(A) PROHIBITION.—The candidates cer-
25 tifies in writing that the candidates will not es-

1 tablish a joint fundraising committee with a po-
2 litical committee other than another authorized
3 committee of the candidate.

4 “(B) STATUS OF EXISTING COMMITTEES
5 FOR PRIOR ELECTIONS.—If a candidate estab-
6 lished a joint fundraising committee described
7 in subparagraph (A) with respect to a prior
8 election for which the candidate was not eligible
9 to receive payments under section 9006 and the
10 candidate does not terminate the committee,
11 the candidate shall not be considered to be in
12 violation of subparagraph (A) so long as that
13 joint fundraising committee does not receive
14 any contributions or make any disbursements
15 with respect to the election for which the can-
16 didate is eligible to receive payments under sec-
17 tion 9006.”.

18 **SEC. 202. REPEAL OF EXPENDITURE LIMITATIONS AND USE**
19 **OF QUALIFIED CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS.**

20 (a) USE OF QUALIFIED CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS
21 WITHOUT EXPENDITURE LIMITS; APPLICATION OF SAME
22 REQUIREMENTS FOR MAJOR, MINOR, AND NEW PAR-
23 TIES.—Section 9003 of the Internal Revenue Code of
24 1986 is amended by striking subsections (b) and (c) and
25 inserting the following:

1 “(b) USE OF QUALIFIED CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS
2 TO DEFRAY EXPENSES.—

3 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In order to be eligible to
4 receive any payments under section 9006, the can-
5 didates of a party in a Presidential election shall
6 certify to the Commission, under penalty of perjury,
7 that—

8 “(A) such candidates and their authorized
9 committees have not and will not accept any
10 contributions to defray qualified campaign ex-
11 penses other than—

12 “(i) qualified campaign contributions,
13 and

14 “(ii) contributions to the extent nec-
15 essary to make up any deficiency payments
16 received out of the fund on account of the
17 application of section 9006(c), and

18 “(B) such candidates and their authorized
19 committees have not and will not accept any
20 contribution to defray expenses which would be
21 qualified campaign expenses but for subpara-
22 graph (C) of section 9002(11).

23 “(2) TIMING OF CERTIFICATION.—The can-
24 didate shall make the certification required under
25 this subsection at the same time the candidate

1 makes the certification required under subsection
2 (a)(3).”.

3 (b) DEFINITION OF QUALIFIED CAMPAIGN CON-
4 TRIBUTION.—Section 9002 of such Code is amended by
5 adding at the end the following new paragraph:

6 “(13) QUALIFIED CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION.—

7 The term ‘qualified campaign contribution’ means,
8 with respect to any election for the office of Presi-
9 dent of the United States, a contribution from an in-
10 dividual to a candidate or an authorized committee
11 of a candidate which—

12 “(A) does not exceed \$1,000 for the elec-
13 tion; and

14 “(B) with respect to which the candidate
15 has certified in writing that—

16 “(i) the individual making such con-
17 tribution has not made aggregate contribu-
18 tions (including such qualified contribu-
19 tion) to such candidate and the authorized
20 committees of such candidate in excess of
21 the amount described in subparagraph (A),
22 and

23 “(ii) such candidate and the author-
24 ized committees of such candidate will not
25 accept contributions from such individual

1 (including such qualified contribution) ag-
2 gregating more than the amount described
3 in subparagraph (A) with respect to such
4 election.”.

5 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

6 (1) REPEAL OF EXPENDITURE LIMITS.—

7 (A) IN GENERAL.—Section 315 of the Fed-
8 eral Election Campaign Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C.
9 30116) is amended by striking subsection (b).

10 (B) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section
11 315(c) of such Act (52 U.S.C. 30116(c)) is
12 amended—

13 (i) in paragraph (1)(B)(i), by striking
14 “, (b)”;

15 (ii) in paragraph (2)(B)(i), by striking
16 “subsections (b) and (d)” and inserting
17 “subsection (d)”.

18 (2) REPEAL OF REPAYMENT REQUIREMENT.—

19 (A) IN GENERAL.—Section 9007(b) of the
20 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by
21 striking paragraph (2) and redesignating para-
22 graphs (3), (4), and (5) as paragraphs (2), (3),
23 and (4), respectively.

24 (B) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Para-
25 graph (2) of section 9007(b) of such Code, as

1 redesignated by subparagraph (A), is amend-
2 ed—

3 (i) by striking “a major party” and
4 inserting “a party”;

5 (ii) by inserting “qualified contribu-
6 tions and” after “contributions (other
7 than”; and

8 (iii) by striking “(other than qualified
9 campaign expenses with respect to which
10 payment is required under paragraph
11 (2))”.

12 (3) CRIMINAL PENALTIES.—

13 (A) REPEAL OF PENALTY FOR EXCESS EX-
14 PENSES.—Section 9012 of the Internal Revenue
15 Code of 1986 is amended by striking subsection
16 (a).

17 (B) PENALTY FOR ACCEPTANCE OF DIS-
18 ALLOWED CONTRIBUTIONS; APPLICATION OF
19 SAME PENALTY FOR CANDIDATES OF MAJOR,
20 MINOR, AND NEW PARTIES.—Subsection (b) of
21 section 9012 of such Code is amended to read
22 as follows:

23 “(b) CONTRIBUTIONS.—

24 “(1) ACCEPTANCE OF DISALLOWED CONTRIBU-
25 TIONS.—It shall be unlawful for an eligible can-

1 didate of a party in a Presidential election or any of
2 his authorized committees knowingly and willfully to
3 accept—

4 “(A) any contribution other than a quali-
5 fied campaign contribution to defray qualified
6 campaign expenses, except to the extent nec-
7 essary to make up any deficiency in payments
8 received out of the fund on account of the ap-
9 plication of section 9006(c); or

10 “(B) any contribution to defray expenses
11 which would be qualified campaign expenses but
12 for subparagraph (C) of section 9002(11).

13 “(2) PENALTY.—Any person who violates para-
14 graph (1) shall be fined not more than \$5,000, or
15 imprisoned not more than one year, or both. In the
16 case of a violation by an authorized committee, any
17 officer or member of such committee who knowingly
18 and willfully consents to such violation shall be fined
19 not more than \$5,000, or imprisoned not more than
20 one year, or both.”.

21 **SEC. 203. MATCHING PAYMENTS AND OTHER MODIFICA-**
22 **TIONS TO PAYMENT AMOUNTS.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—

24 (1) AMOUNT OF PAYMENTS; APPLICATION OF
25 SAME AMOUNT FOR CANDIDATES OF MAJOR, MINOR,

1 AND NEW PARTIES.—Subsection (a) of section 9004
2 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended to
3 read as follows:

4 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the provisions of this
5 chapter, the eligible candidates of a party in a Presidential
6 election shall be entitled to equal payment under section
7 9006 in an amount equal to 600 percent of the amount
8 of each matchable contribution received by such candidate
9 or by the candidate’s authorized committees (disregarding
10 any amount of contributions from any person to the extent
11 that the total of the amounts contributed by such person
12 for the election exceeds \$200), except that total amount
13 to which a candidate is entitled under this paragraph shall
14 not exceed \$250,000,000.”.

15 (2) REPEAL OF SEPARATE LIMITATIONS FOR
16 CANDIDATES OF MINOR AND NEW PARTIES; INFLA-
17 TION ADJUSTMENT.—Subsection (b) of section 9004
18 of such Code is amended to read as follows:

19 “(b) INFLATION ADJUSTMENT.—

20 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In the case of any applica-
21 ble period beginning after 2029, the \$250,000,000
22 dollar amount in subsection (a) shall be increased by
23 an amount equal to—

24 “(A) such dollar amount; multiplied by

1 “(B) the cost-of-living adjustment deter-
2 mined under section 1(f)(3) for the calendar
3 year following the year which such applicable
4 period begins, determined by substituting ‘cal-
5 endar year 2028’ for ‘calendar year 1992’ in
6 subparagraph (B) thereof.

7 “(2) APPLICABLE PERIOD.—For purposes of
8 this subsection, the term ‘applicable period’ means
9 the 4-year period beginning with the first day fol-
10 lowing the date of the general election for the office
11 of President and ending on the date of the next such
12 general election.

13 “(3) ROUNDING.—If any amount as adjusted
14 under paragraph (1) is not a multiple of \$10,000,
15 such amount shall be rounded to the nearest mul-
16 tiple of \$10,000.”.

17 (3) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
18 9005(a) of such Code is amended by adding at the
19 end the following new sentence: “The Commission
20 shall make such additional certifications as may be
21 necessary to receive payments under section 9004.”.

22 (b) MATCHABLE CONTRIBUTION.—Section 9002 of
23 such Code, as amended by section 202(b), is amended by
24 adding at the end the following new paragraph:

1 “(14) MATCHABLE CONTRIBUTION.—The term
2 ‘matchable contribution’ means, with respect to the
3 election to the office of President of the United
4 States, a contribution by an individual to a can-
5 didate or an authorized committee of a candidate
6 with respect to which the candidate has certified in
7 writing that—

8 “(A) the individual making such contribu-
9 tion has not made aggregate contributions (in-
10 cluding such matchable contribution) to such
11 candidate and the authorized committees of
12 such candidate in excess of \$1,000 for the elec-
13 tion;

14 “(B) such candidate and the authorized
15 committees of such candidate will not accept
16 contributions from such individual (including
17 such matchable contribution) aggregating more
18 than the amount described in subparagraph (A)
19 with respect to such election; and

20 “(C) such contribution was a direct con-
21 tribution (as defined in section 9034(c)(3)).”.

1 **SEC. 204. INCREASE IN LIMIT ON COORDINATED PARTY EX-**
2 **PENDITURES.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 315(d)(2) of the Federal
4 Election Campaign Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C. 30116(d)(2))
5 is amended to read as follows:

6 “(2)(A) The national committee of a political party
7 may not make any expenditure in connection with the gen-
8 eral election campaign of any candidate for President of
9 the United States who is affiliated with such party which
10 exceeds \$100,000,000.

11 “(B) For purposes of this paragraph—

12 “(i) any expenditure made by or on behalf of a
13 national committee of a political party and in con-
14 nection with a Presidential election shall be consid-
15 ered to be made in connection with the general elec-
16 tion campaign of a candidate for President of the
17 United States who is affiliated with such party; and

18 “(ii) any communication made by or on behalf
19 of such party shall be considered to be made in con-
20 nection with the general election campaign of a can-
21 didate for President of the United States who is af-
22 filiated with such party if any portion of the commu-
23 nication is in connection with such election.

24 “(C) Any expenditure under this paragraph shall be
25 in addition to any expenditure by a national committee
26 of a political party serving as the principal campaign com-

1 mittee of a candidate for the office of President of the
2 United States.”.

3 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS RELATING TO TIM-
4 ING OF COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 315(c)(1) of such
6 Act (52 U.S.C. 30116(c)(1)) is amended—

7 (A) in subparagraph (B), by striking “(d)”
8 and inserting “(d)(2)”; and

9 (B) by adding at the end the following new
10 subparagraph:

11 “(D) In any calendar year after 2028—

12 “(i) the dollar amount in subsection (d)(2) shall
13 be increased by the percent difference determined
14 under subparagraph (A);

15 “(ii) the amount so increased shall remain in
16 effect for the calendar year; and

17 “(iii) if the amount after adjustment under
18 clause (i) is not a multiple of \$100, such amount
19 shall be rounded to the nearest multiple of \$100.”.

20 (2) BASE YEAR.—Section 315(c)(2)(B) of such
21 Act (52 U.S.C. 30116(c)(2)(B)) is amended—

22 (A) in clause (i)—

23 (i) by striking “(d)” and inserting
24 “(d)(3)”; and

25 (ii) by striking “and” at the end;

1 (B) in clause (ii), by striking the period at
2 the end and inserting “; and”; and

3 (C) by adding at the end the following new
4 clause:

5 “(iii) for purposes of subsection (d)(2), cal-
6 endar year 2027.”.

7 **SEC. 205. ESTABLISHMENT OF UNIFORM DATE FOR RE-**
8 **LEASE OF PAYMENTS.**

9 (a) DATE FOR PAYMENTS.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 9006(b) of the In-
11 ternal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended to read as
12 follows:

13 “(b) PAYMENTS FROM THE FUND.—If the Secretary
14 of the Treasury receives a certification from the Commis-
15 sion under section 9005 for payment to the eligible can-
16 didates of a political party, the Secretary shall pay to such
17 candidates out of the fund the amount certified by the
18 Commission on the later of—

19 “(1) the last Friday occurring before the first
20 Monday in September; or

21 “(2) 24 hours after receiving the certifications
22 for the eligible candidates of all major political par-
23 ties.

24 Amounts paid to any such candidates shall be under the
25 control of such candidates.”.

1 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The first sen-
2 tence of section 9006(c) of such Code is amended by
3 striking “the time of a certification by the Commis-
4 sion under section 9005 for payment” and inserting
5 “the time of making a payment under subsection
6 (b)”.

7 (b) TIME FOR CERTIFICATION.—Section 9005(a) of
8 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking
9 “10 days” and inserting “24 hours”.

10 **SEC. 206. AMOUNTS IN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION CAM-**
11 **PAIGN FUND.**

12 Section 9006(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of
13 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following new
14 sentence: “In making a determination of whether there are
15 insufficient moneys in the fund for purposes of the pre-
16 vious sentence, the Secretary shall take into account in
17 determining the balance of the fund for a Presidential
18 election year the Secretary’s best estimate of the amount
19 of moneys which will be deposited into the fund during
20 the year, except that the amount of the estimate may not
21 exceed the average of the annual amounts deposited in the
22 fund during the previous 3 years.”.

1 **SEC. 207. USE OF GENERAL ELECTION PAYMENTS FOR GEN-**
2 **ERAL ELECTION LEGAL AND ACCOUNTING**
3 **COMPLIANCE.**

4 Section 9002(11) of the Internal Revenue Code of
5 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following new
6 sentence: “For purposes of subparagraph (A), an expense
7 incurred by a candidate or authorized committee for gen-
8 eral election legal and accounting compliance purposes
9 shall be considered to be an expense to further the election
10 of such candidate.”.

11 **SEC. 208. USE OF FREEDOM FROM INFLUENCE FUND AS**
12 **SOURCE OF PAYMENTS.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 95 of subtitle H of the
14 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at
15 the end the following new section:

16 **“SEC. 9013. USE OF FREEDOM FROM INFLUENCE FUND AS**
17 **SOURCE OF PAYMENTS.**

18 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other pro-
19 vision of this chapter, effective with respect to the Presi-
20 dential election held in 2028 and each succeeding Presi-
21 dential election, all payments made under this chapter
22 shall be made from the Freedom From Influence Fund
23 established under title III of the Empower Act of 2019.

24 “(b) MANDATORY REDUCTION OF PAYMENTS IN
25 CASE OF INSUFFICIENT AMOUNTS IN FUND.—

1 “(1) ADVANCE AUDITS BY COMMISSION.—Not
2 later than 90 days before the first day of each Presi-
3 dential election cycle (beginning with the cycle for
4 the election held in 2028), the Commission shall—

5 “(A) audit the Fund to determine whether,
6 after first making payments to candidates
7 under chapter 96, the amounts remaining in
8 the Fund will be sufficient to make payments to
9 candidates under this chapter in the amounts
10 provided under this chapter during such elec-
11 tion cycle; and

12 “(B) submit a report to Congress describ-
13 ing the results of the audit.

14 “(2) REDUCTIONS IN AMOUNT OF PAYMENTS.—

15 “(A) AUTOMATIC REDUCTION ON PRO
16 RATA BASIS.—If, on the basis of the audit de-
17 scribed in paragraph (1), the Commission deter-
18 mines that the amount anticipated to be avail-
19 able in the Fund with respect to the Presi-
20 dential election cycle involved is not, or may not
21 be, sufficient to satisfy the full entitlements of
22 candidates to payments under this chapter for
23 such cycle, the Commission shall reduce each
24 amount which would otherwise be paid to a can-
25 didate under this chapter by such pro rata

1 amount as may be necessary to ensure that the
2 aggregate amount of payments anticipated to
3 be made with respect to the cycle will not ex-
4 ceed the amount anticipated to be available for
5 such payments in the Fund with respect to such
6 cycle.

7 “(B) RESTORATION OF REDUCTIONS IN
8 CASE OF AVAILABILITY OF SUFFICIENT FUNDS
9 DURING ELECTION CYCLE.—If, after reducing
10 the amounts paid to candidates with respect to
11 an election cycle under subparagraph (A), the
12 Commission determines that there are sufficient
13 amounts in the Fund to restore the amount by
14 which such payments were reduced (or any por-
15 tion thereof), to the extent that such amounts
16 are available, the Commission may make a pay-
17 ment on a pro rata basis to each such candidate
18 with respect to the election cycle in the amount
19 by which such candidate’s payments were re-
20 duced under subparagraph (A) (or any portion
21 thereof, as the case may be).

22 “(C) NO USE OF AMOUNTS FROM OTHER
23 SOURCES.—In any case in which the Commis-
24 sion determines that there are insufficient mon-
25 eys in the Fund to make payments to can-

1 didates under this chapter, moneys shall not be
2 made available from any other source for the
3 purpose of making such payments.

4 “(3) NO EFFECT ON AMOUNTS TRANSFERRED
5 FOR PEDIATRIC RESEARCH INITIATIVE.—This sec-
6 tion does not apply to the transfer of funds under
7 section 9008(i).

8 “(4) PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION CYCLE DE-
9 FINED.—In this section, the term ‘Presidential elec-
10 tion cycle’ means, with respect to a Presidential elec-
11 tion, the period beginning on the day after the date
12 of the previous Presidential general election and
13 ending on the date of the Presidential election.”.

14 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
15 for chapter 95 of subtitle H of such Code is amended by
16 adding at the end the following new item:

“Sec. 9013. Use of Freedom From Influence Fund as source of payments.”.

17 **TITLE III—FREEDOM FROM** 18 **INFLUENCE FUND**

19 **SEC. 301. FREEDOM FROM INFLUENCE FUND.**

20 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the
21 Treasury a fund to be known as the “Freedom From In-
22 fluence Fund”.

23 (b) AMOUNTS HELD BY FUND.—The Fund shall con-
24 sist of the following amounts:

1 (1) ASSESSMENTS AGAINST FINES, SETTLE-
2 MENTS, AND PENALTIES.—Amounts transferred
3 under section 3015 of title 18, United States Code
4 (as added by section 302(a)), section 9707 of title
5 31, United States Code (as added by section
6 302(b)), and section 6761 of the Internal Revenue
7 Code of 1986 (as added by section 302(c)).

8 (2) INVESTMENT RETURNS.—Interest on, and
9 the proceeds from, the sale or redemption of any ob-
10 ligations held by the Fund under subsection (c).

11 (c) INVESTMENT.—The Secretary of the Treasury
12 shall invest portions of the Fund in obligations of the
13 United States in the same manner as provided under sec-
14 tion 9602(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

15 (d) USE OF FUND TO MAKE PAYMENTS TO CAN-
16 DIDATES.—Amounts in the Fund shall be available with-
17 out further appropriation or fiscal year limitation—

18 (1) to make payments to candidates under
19 chapter 95 of subtitle H of the Internal Revenue
20 Code of 1986, subject to reductions under section
21 9013(b) of such Code; and

22 (2) to make payments to candidates under
23 chapter 96 of subtitle H of the Internal Revenue
24 Code of 1986, subject to reductions under section
25 9043(b) of such Code.

1 (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall take effect
2 on the date of the enactment of this title.

3 **SEC. 302. ASSESSMENTS AGAINST FINES AND PENALTIES.**

4 (a) ASSESSMENTS RELATING TO CRIMINAL OF-
5 FENSES.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 201 of title 18,
7 United States Code, is amended by adding at the
8 end the following new section:

9 **“§ 3015. Special assessments for Freedom From Infl-**
10 **ence Fund**

11 **“(a) ASSESSMENTS.—**

12 **“(1) CONVICTIONS OF CRIMES.—**In addition to
13 any assessment imposed under this chapter, the
14 court shall assess on any organizational defendant or
15 any defendant who is a corporate officer or person
16 with equivalent authority in any other organization
17 who is convicted of a criminal offense under Federal
18 law an amount equal to 2.75 percent of any fine im-
19 posed on that defendant in the sentence imposed for
20 that conviction.

21 **“(2) SETTLEMENTS.—**The court shall assess on
22 any organizational defendant or defendant who is a
23 corporate officer or person with equivalent authority
24 in any other organization who has entered into a
25 settlement agreement or consent decree with the

1 United States in satisfaction of any allegation that
2 the defendant committed a criminal offense under
3 Federal law an amount equal to 2.75 percent of the
4 amount of the settlement.

5 “(b) MANNER OF COLLECTION.—An amount as-
6 sessed under subsection (a) shall be collected in the man-
7 ner in which fines are collected in criminal cases.

8 “(c) TRANSFERS.—In a manner consistent with sec-
9 tion 3302(b) of title 31, there shall be transferred from
10 the General Fund of the Treasury to the Freedom From
11 Influence Fund under title III of the Empower Act of
12 2019 an amount equal to the amount of the assessments
13 collected under this section.”.

14 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
15 tions of chapter 201 of title 18, United States Code,
16 is amended by adding at the end the following:

“3015. Special assessments for Freedom From Influence Fund.”.

17 (b) ASSESSMENTS RELATING TO CIVIL PEN-
18 ALTIES.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 97 of title 31,
20 United States Code, is amended by adding at the
21 end the following new section:

22 **“§ 9707. Special assessments for Freedom From Infl-**
23 **ence Fund**

24 “(a) ASSESSMENTS.—

1 “(1) CIVIL PENALTIES.—Any entity of the Fed-
2 eral Government which is authorized under any law,
3 rule, or regulation to impose a civil penalty shall as-
4 sess on each person, other than a natural person
5 who is not a corporate officer or person with equiva-
6 lent authority in any other organization, on whom
7 such a penalty is imposed an amount equal to 2.75
8 percent of the amount of the penalty.

9 “(2) ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES.—Any entity
10 of the Federal Government which is authorized
11 under any law, rule, or regulation to impose an ad-
12 ministrative penalty shall assess on each person,
13 other than a natural person who is not a corporate
14 officer or person with equivalent authority in any
15 other organization, on whom such a penalty is im-
16 posed an amount equal to 2.75 percent of the
17 amount of the penalty.

18 “(3) SETTLEMENTS.—Any entity of the Federal
19 Government which is authorized under any law, rule,
20 or regulation to enter into a settlement agreement or
21 consent decree with any person, other than a natural
22 person who is not a corporate officer or person with
23 equivalent authority in any other organization, in
24 satisfaction of any allegation of an action or omis-
25 sion by the person which would be subject to a civil

1 penalty or administrative penalty shall assess on
2 such person an amount equal to 2.75 percent of the
3 amount of the settlement.

4 “(b) MANNER OF COLLECTION.—An amount as-
5 sessed under subsection (a) shall be collected—

6 “(1) in the case of an amount assessed under
7 paragraph (1) of such subsection, in the manner in
8 which civil penalties are collected by the entity of the
9 Federal Government involved;

10 “(2) in the case of an amount assessed under
11 paragraph (2) of such subsection, in the manner in
12 which administrative penalties are collected by the
13 entity of the Federal Government involved; and

14 “(3) in the case of an amount assessed under
15 paragraph (3) of such subsection, in the manner in
16 which amounts are collected pursuant to settlement
17 agreements or consent decrees entered into by the
18 entity of the Federal Government involved.

19 “(c) TRANSFERS.—In a manner consistent with sec-
20 tion 3302(b) of this title, there shall be transferred from
21 the General Fund of the Treasury to the Freedom From
22 Influence Fund under title III of the Empower Act of
23 2019 an amount equal to the amount of the assessments
24 collected under this section.

1 “(d) EXCEPTION FOR PENALTIES AND SETTLE-
2 MENTS UNDER AUTHORITY OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE
3 CODE OF 1986.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—No assessment shall be
5 made under subsection (a) with respect to any civil
6 or administrative penalty imposed, or any settlement
7 agreement or consent decree entered into, under the
8 authority of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

9 “(2) CROSS REFERENCE.—For application of
10 special assessments for the Freedom From Influence
11 Fund with respect to certain penalties under the In-
12 ternal Revenue Code of 1986, see section 6761 of
13 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.”.

14 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
15 tions of chapter 97 of title 31, United States Code,
16 is amended by adding at the end the following:

“9707. Special assessments for Freedom From Influence Fund.”.

17 (c) ASSESSMENTS RELATING TO CERTAIN PEN-
18 ALTIES UNDER THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF
19 1986.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 68 of the Internal
21 Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the
22 end the following new subchapter:

1 **“Subchapter D—Special Assessments for**
2 **Freedom From Influence Fund**

3 **“SEC. 6761. SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR FREEDOM FROM**
4 **INFLUENCE FUND.**

5 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Each person required to pay a
6 covered penalty shall pay an additional amount equal to
7 2.75 percent of the amount of such penalty.

8 “(b) COVERED PENALTY.—For purposes of this sec-
9 tion, the term ‘covered penalty’ means any addition to tax,
10 additional amount, penalty, or other liability provided
11 under subchapter A or B.

12 “(c) EXCEPTION FOR CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a taxpayer
14 who is an individual, subsection (a) shall not apply
15 to any covered penalty if such taxpayer is an exempt
16 taxpayer for the taxable year for which such covered
17 penalty is assessed.

18 “(2) EXEMPT TAXPAYER.—For purposes of this
19 subsection, a taxpayer is an exempt taxpayer for any
20 taxable year if the taxable income of such taxpayer
21 for such taxable year does not exceed the dollar
22 amount at which begins the highest rate bracket in
23 effect under section 1 with respect to such taxpayer
24 for such taxable year.

1 “(d) APPLICATION OF CERTAIN RULES.—Except as
2 provided in subsection (e), the additional amount deter-
3 mined under subsection (a) shall be treated for purposes
4 of this title in the same manner as the covered penalty
5 to which such additional amount relates.

6 “(e) TRANSFER TO FREEDOM FROM INFLUENCE
7 FUND.—The Secretary shall deposit any additional
8 amount under subsection (a) in the General Fund of the
9 Treasury and shall transfer from such General Fund to
10 the Freedom From Influence Fund established under sec-
11 tion title III of the Empower Act of 2019 an amount equal
12 to the amounts so deposited (and, notwithstanding sub-
13 section (d), such additional amount shall not be the basis
14 for any deposit, transfer, credit, appropriation, or any
15 other payment, to any other trust fund or account). Rules
16 similar to the rules of section 9601 shall apply for pur-
17 poses of this subsection.”.

18 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sub-
19 chapters for chapter 68 of such Code is amended by
20 adding at the end the following new item:

“SUBCHAPTER D—SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR FREEDOM FROM INFLUENCE
FUND”.

21 (d) EFFECTIVE DATES.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
23 graph (2), the amendments made by this section
24 shall apply with respect to convictions, agreements,

1 and penalties which occur on or after the date of the
2 enactment of this Act.

3 (2) ASSESSMENTS RELATING TO CERTAIN PEN-
4 ALTIES UNDER THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF
5 1986.—The amendments made by subsection (c)
6 shall apply to covered penalties assessed after the
7 date of the enactment of this Act.

8 **TITLE IV—OTHER CAMPAIGN** 9 **FINANCE REFORMS**

10 **SEC. 401. RULES RELATING TO JOINT FUNDRAISING COM-** 11 **MITTEES.**

12 (a) PROHIBITION ON JOINT FUNDRAISING COMMIT-
13 TEES FOR CANDIDATES.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 302(e) of the Fed-
15 eral Election Campaign Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C.
16 30102(e)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
17 lowing new paragraph:

18 “(6) No authorized committee of a candidate may es-
19 tablish, participate in, or have any involvement with any
20 joint fundraising committee.”.

21 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
22 302(e)(3)(A) of such Act (52 U.S.C. 30102(e)(3)) is
23 amended—

1 (A) by striking “except that” and all that
2 follows through “the candidate” and inserting
3 “except that the candidate”,

4 (B) by striking “; and” and inserting a pe-
5 riod, and

6 (C) by striking clause (ii).

7 (b) LIMITATION ON JOINT FUNDRAISING COMMIT-
8 TEES FOR PARTY COMMITTEES.—Section 302 of the Fed-
9 eral Election Campaign Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C. 30102)
10 is amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
11 section:

12 “(j) PARTICIPATION OF PARTY COMMITTEES IN
13 JOINT FUNDRAISING COMMITTEES.—No committee of a
14 political party may establish, participate in, or have any
15 involvement with any joint fundraising committee other
16 than a joint fundraising committee that consists of the
17 national committee of a political party and one other com-
18 mittee of the political party.”.

19 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
20 this section shall take effect on January 1, 2020.

1 **SEC. 402. REPEAL OF SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION LIMITS FOR**
2 **CONTRIBUTIONS TO NATIONAL PARTIES FOR**
3 **CERTAIN PURPOSES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 315(a) of the Federal
5 Election Campaign Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C. 30116(a)) is
6 amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (1)(B), by striking “, or, in
8 the case of contributions made to any of the ac-
9 counts described in paragraph (9), exceed 300 per-
10 cent of the amount otherwise applicable under this
11 subparagraph with respect to such calendar year”,

12 (2) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking “, or, in
13 the case of contributions made to any of the ac-
14 counts described in paragraph (9), exceed 300 per-
15 cent of the amount otherwise applicable under this
16 subparagraph with respect to such calendar year”,
17 and

18 (3) by striking paragraph (9).

19 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 315(d) of
20 such Act (52 U.S.C. 30116(d)) is amended by striking
21 paragraph (5).

22 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
23 this section shall apply to contributions made after the
24 date of the enactment of this Act.

25 (d) RETURN OF PREVIOUSLY CONTRIBUTED
26 AMOUNTS.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the

1 enactment of this Act, each political committee established
2 and maintained by a political party shall distribute all
3 amounts in accounts described in section 315(a)(9) of the
4 Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C.
5 30116(a)(9)) to individuals who made contributions to
6 such accounts. The amount distributed to any contributor
7 from any account shall bear the same ratio to the amount
8 of contributions made by such contributor to such account
9 as the balance of such account on the date of the enact-
10 ment of this Act bears to the total amount of contributions
11 made to such account.

12 **TITLE V—EFFECTIVE DATE**

13 **SEC. 501. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise provided, this
15 Act and the amendments made by this Act shall apply
16 with respect to the Presidential election held in 2028 and
17 each succeeding Presidential election, without regard to
18 whether or not the Federal Election Commission has pro-
19 mulgated the final regulations necessary to carry out this
20 Act and the amendments made by this Act by the deadline
21 set forth in subsection (b).

22 (b) DEADLINE FOR REGULATIONS.—Not later than
23 June 30, 2026, the Federal Election Commission shall
24 promulgate such regulations as may be necessary to carry
25 out this Act and the amendments made by this Act.